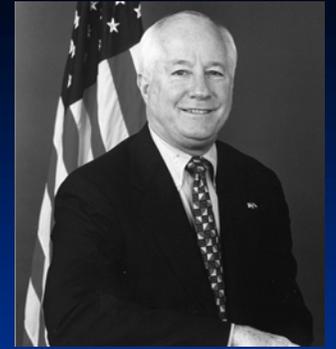


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STRENGTHENING
SOCIAL SECURITY

*Protecting Social Security for Today
Preserving Social Security for Tomorrow*

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THEN AND NOW

THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF SOCIAL SECURITY

1945

42 Workers paying for every 1 Beneficiary



1950

16 Workers paying for every 1 Beneficiary



TODAY

3.3 Workers paying for every 1 Beneficiary



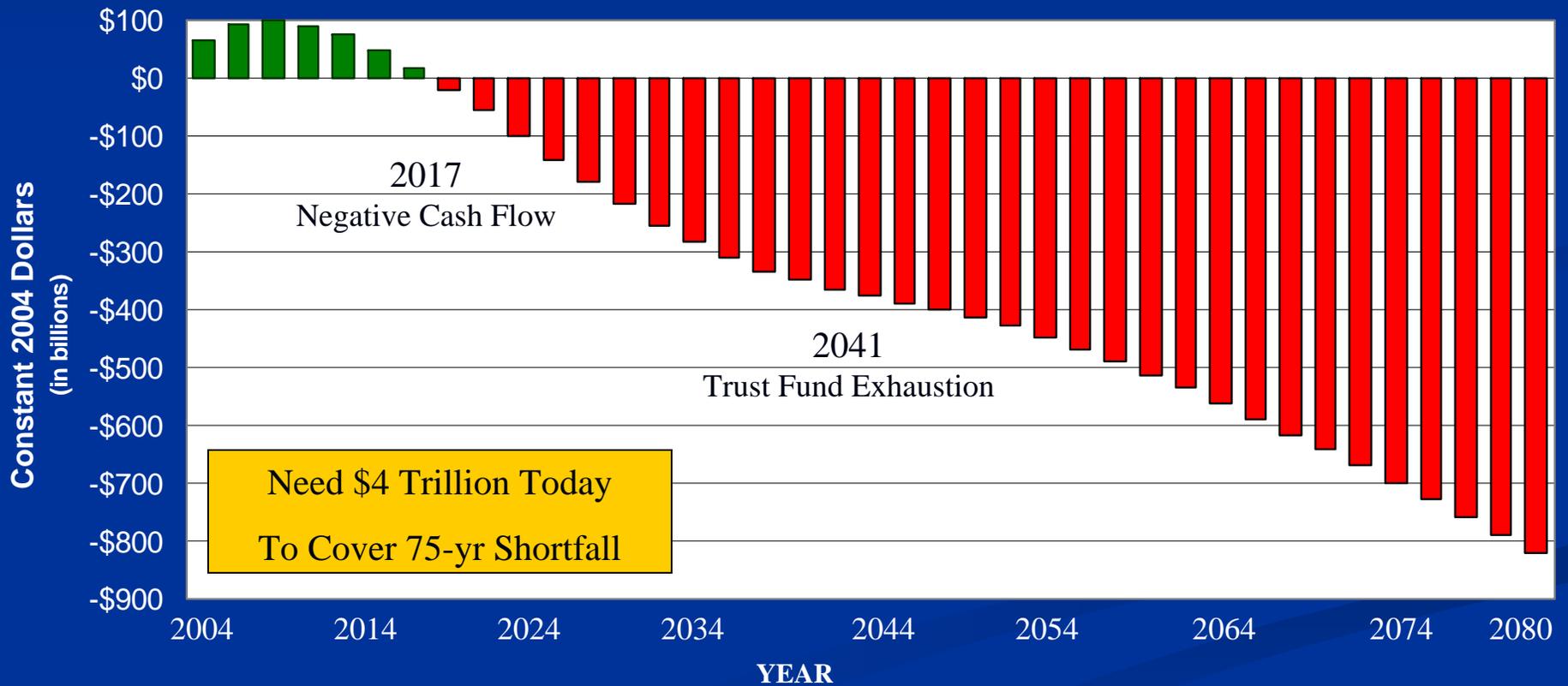
WHEN YOUNGER WORKERS RETIRE

Only 2 Workers paying for every 1 Beneficiary



Annual Deficits Begin 2017

Social Security's Annual Cash Flow



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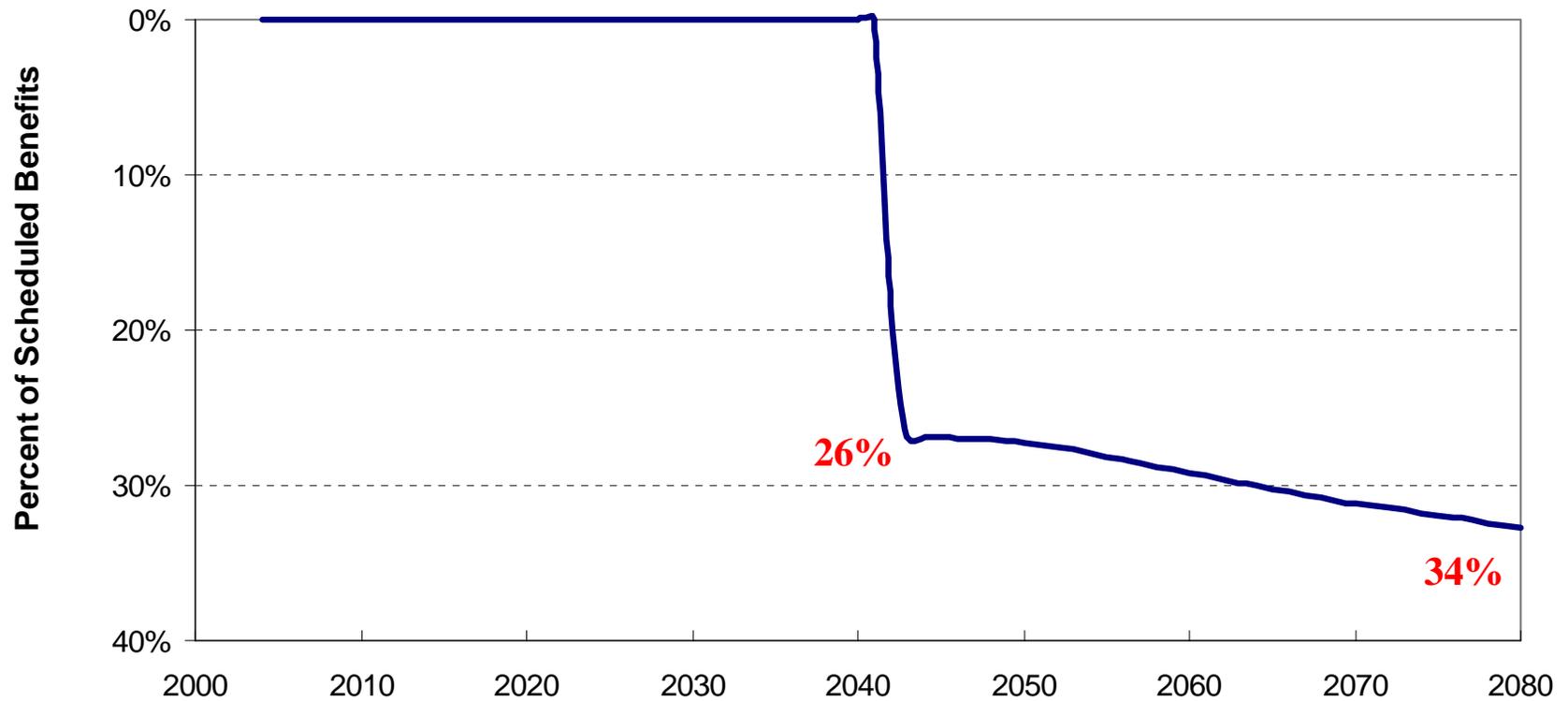
Social Security "Trust Fund"



Parkersburg, WV

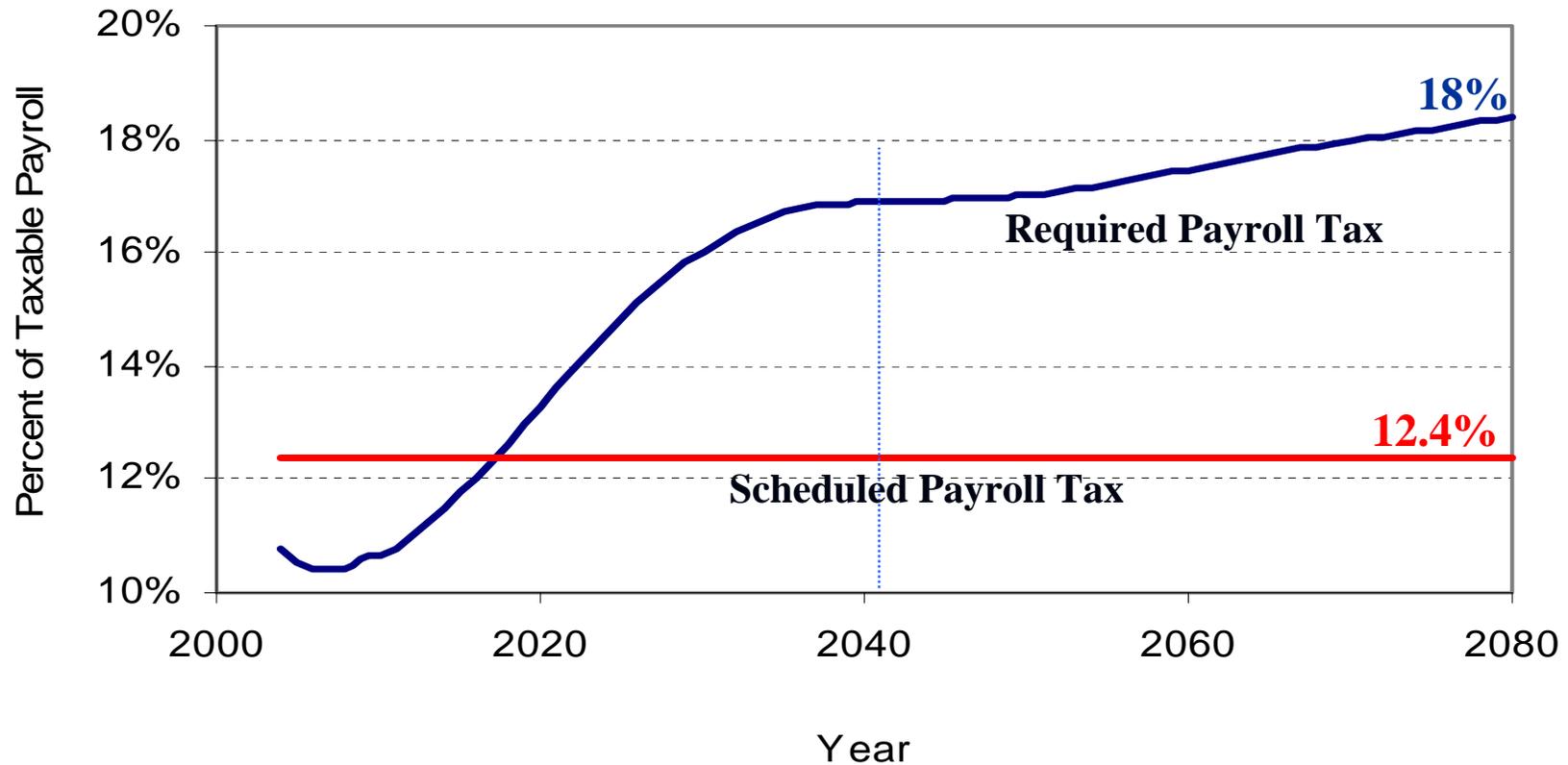
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If No Action is Taken, Benefit Cuts Will Be Drastic...



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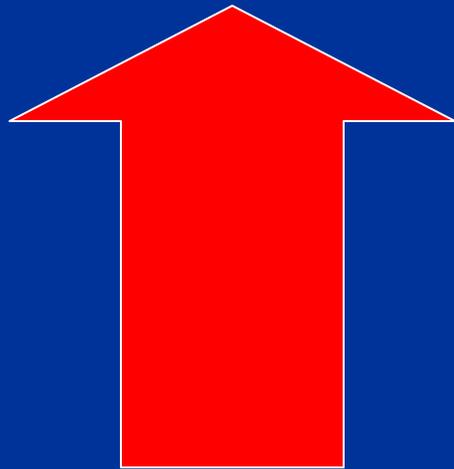
...Or Taxes Will Be Significantly Raised



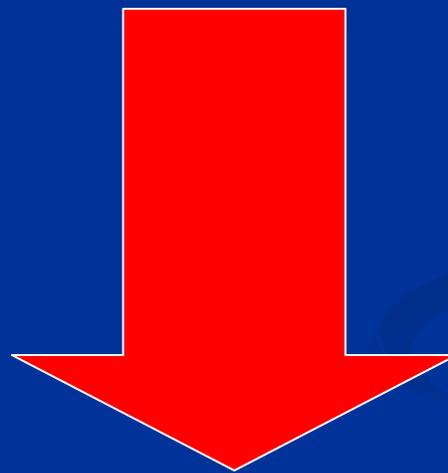
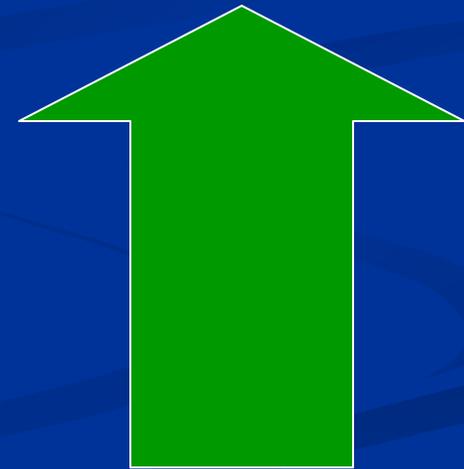
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Three Options to Strengthen Social Security

Increase
Taxes



Increase
Rate of Return



Decrease
Benefits

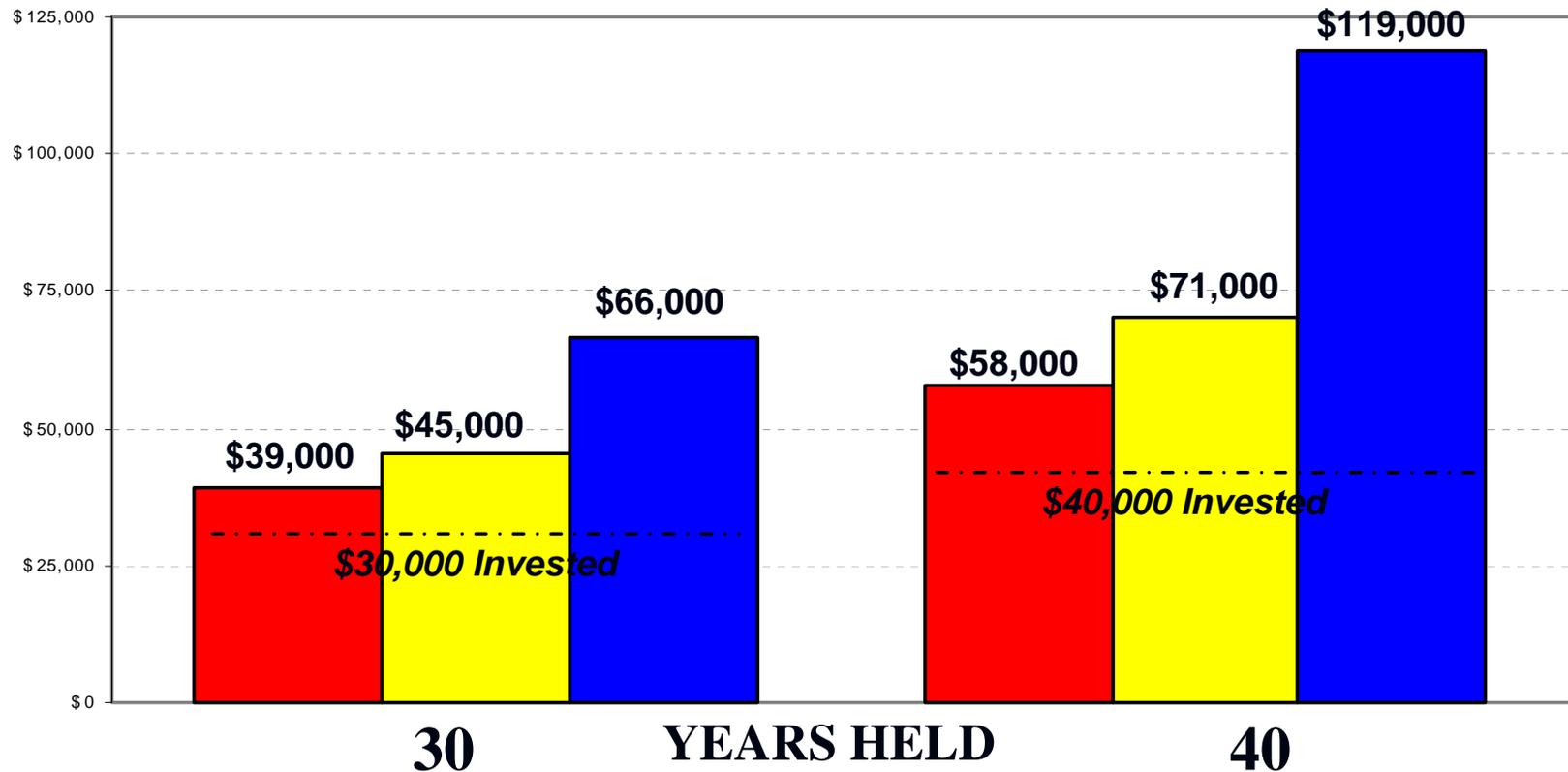
Personal Retirement Accounts Increase Rate of Return

- **Allow workers to create a “nest-egg” for retirement**
- **Personal ownership and control**
- **Personal Asset – can be passed down to heirs**

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Growth of \$1,000 Annual Investment

(Constant 2004 Dollars)



Growth of Social Security Benefits
(1.8% Annual Return)



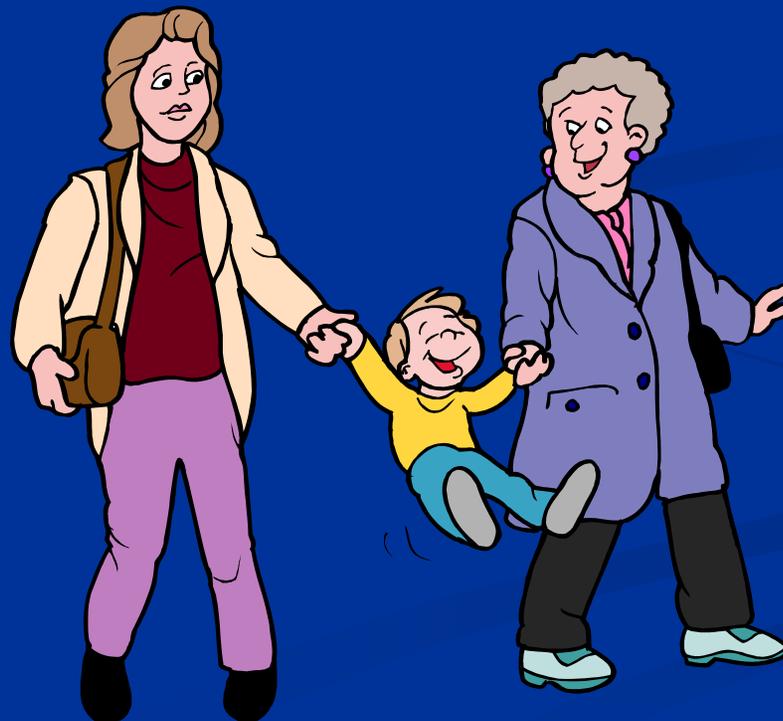
Treasury Bond
(2.7% Annual Return)



40% Bond/60% Stock Fund
(4.92% Net Annual Return)

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Personal Accounts are the Link to the Next Generation



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Bipartisan Retirement Security Act

- Only bipartisan bill in Congress
- Increases safety net for low-income workers
- Redirects 3% of first \$10,000, 2% up to max into personal account
- **NO CHANGES** for near or current retirees (55+)
- Lowest transition costs of any bill introduced
- Makes Social Security solvent and sustainable for 100 years and beyond

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